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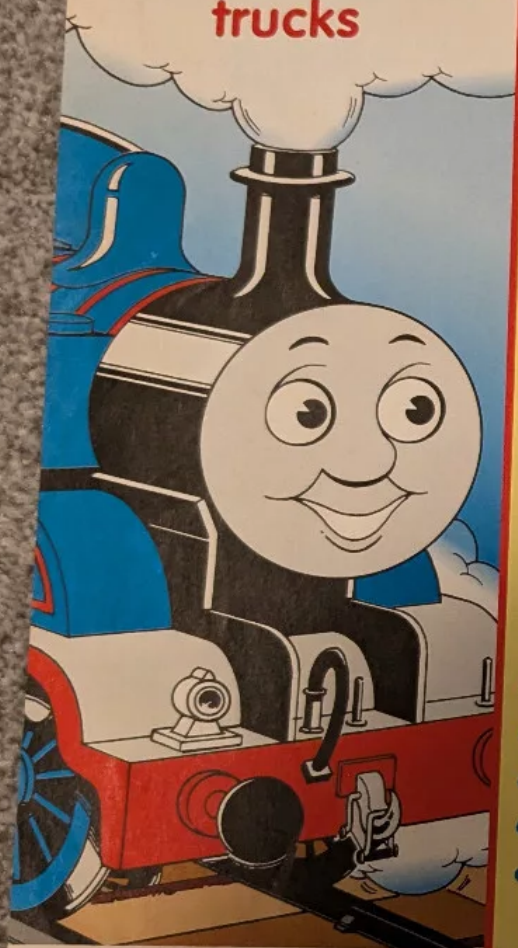

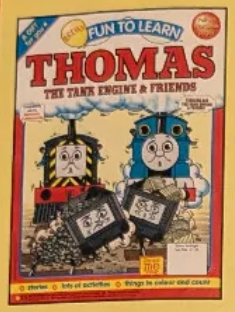

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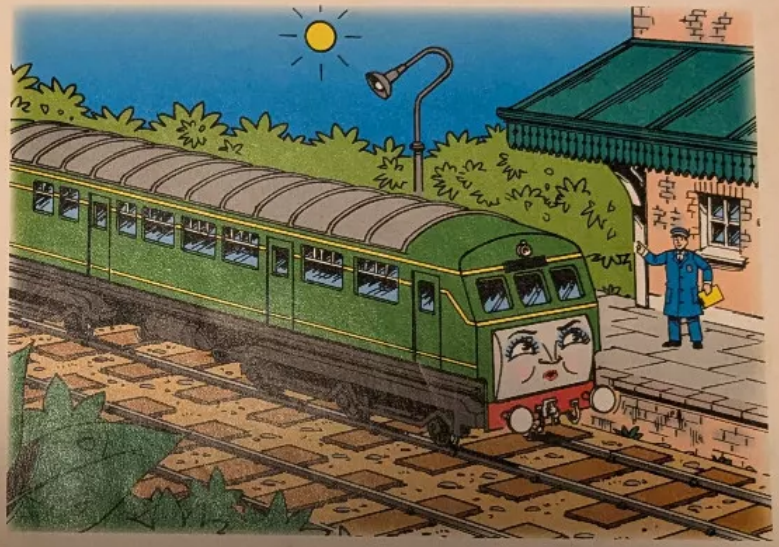
A read aloud story

DAISY BLOWS A FUSE



1 Daisy is the diesel rail car who works on Thomas' branch line. She takes passengers when Thomas, Percy and Toby are busy doing their work. Sometimes she takes trucks, but she does not like them very much. One day, the engines were very busy. Thomas had gone to the harbour, Toby was working in the quarry and Percy was working in the yard.

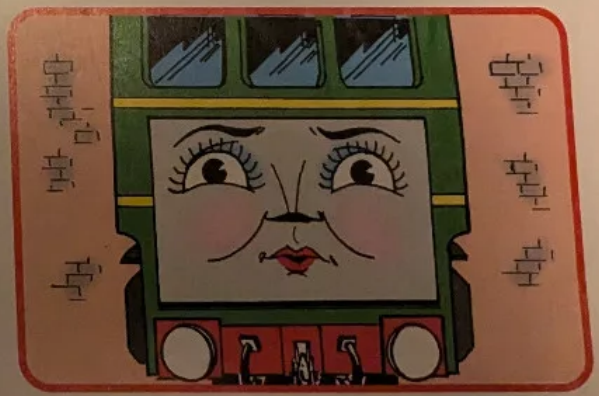
2 Daisy had to take the passengers up Thomas' branch line. The station master told Daisy she had to take some trucks as well. "Not too many, I hope," said Daisy. "I'm very highly sprung and too many troublesome trucks are bad for my swerves!" she complained.

3 Percy arrived with Daisy's trucks. There were three open trucks, two vans and a low loader carrying a digger. Daisy was cross. "I can't pull all those! I shan't pull all those!" "Don't be silly," said her driver. "There are not too many trucks and they are not heavy. You can manage." But Daisy grunted and groaned.

4 Daisy rattled and rocked and the trucks began to laugh. "Hold back, hold back," they whispered to each other. A nasty smell emerged from Daisy's engine. "Daisy has blown a fuse," said an Inspector. "We will have to fit a new one." The passengers got cross and said it was a bad railway.

5 Just then, Thomas appeared with Annie and Clarabel. He had finished his work at the harbour and was hoping for a nice run up his branch line. The passengers quickly got into Annie and Clarabel and the trucks were coupled on behind. The passengers were happy again and so was Thomas as he set off.

6 Percy had to come and push Daisy into her shed where she stayed for the rest of the day. She had a new fuse fitted and decided not to make a fuss about trucks for a long while.



COUNTING TIME

Although troublesome trucks can be extremely naughty, they can also be very useful. Here are some trucks and the different loads they carry, for you to count.

4 trucks of wood

2 trucks of bricks

1 truck of sand

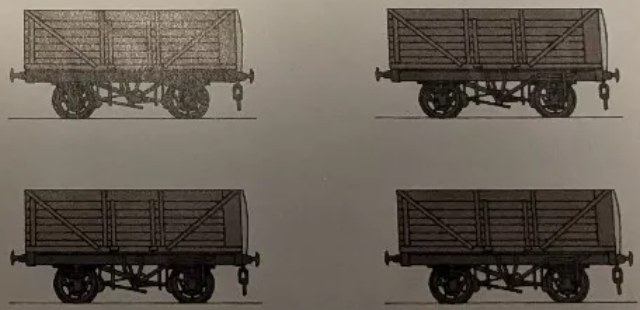
3 trucks of coal

1 truck of gravel

5 trucks of crates

2 trucks of steel

Draw a different load in each truck.



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TROUBLESOME TRUCKS

Look and Find

Tick ✔ the boxes when you find each small object in the big picture above.

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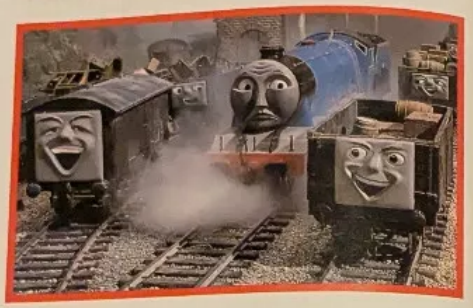
TERRIBLE TRUCKS

"Ha, ha, ha!" laugh the troublesome trucks. They are very naughty and love playing jokes on all the engines.

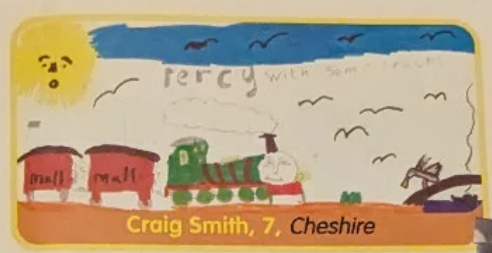
Which engine are they causing trouble for?



Edward ☐ **James** ☐ **Gordon** ☐

Put a tick ✓ in the box next to the correct name.

"Hold back! Hold back!" giggle the trucks. Poor old Thomas is finding it very difficult to pull them. He doesn't look very happy, does he? **Point to Thomas' driver.**



Craig Smith, 7, *Cheshire*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Andrew Murphy, 3; Taniguchi Hiroshi, 4; George Neame, 4; Christopher Playfair, 8; Owen French, 3; David Whitchurch, 9; Daniel Millward, 6 and Mathew Bearman.

(Sorry Mathew, we don't know your age.)

Belated wishes go to:

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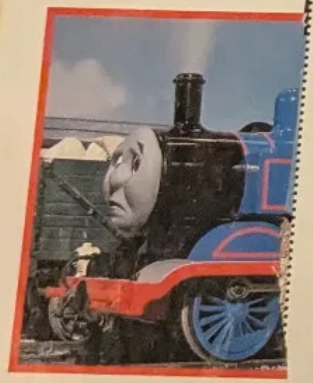


"Hold back! Hold back

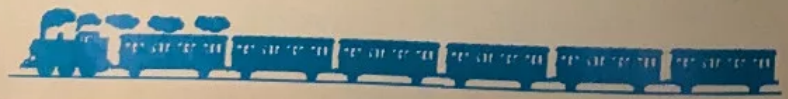
1 After you have finished reading your magazine, ask a grown-up to help you cut out the small pictures on the left, along the dotted lines.

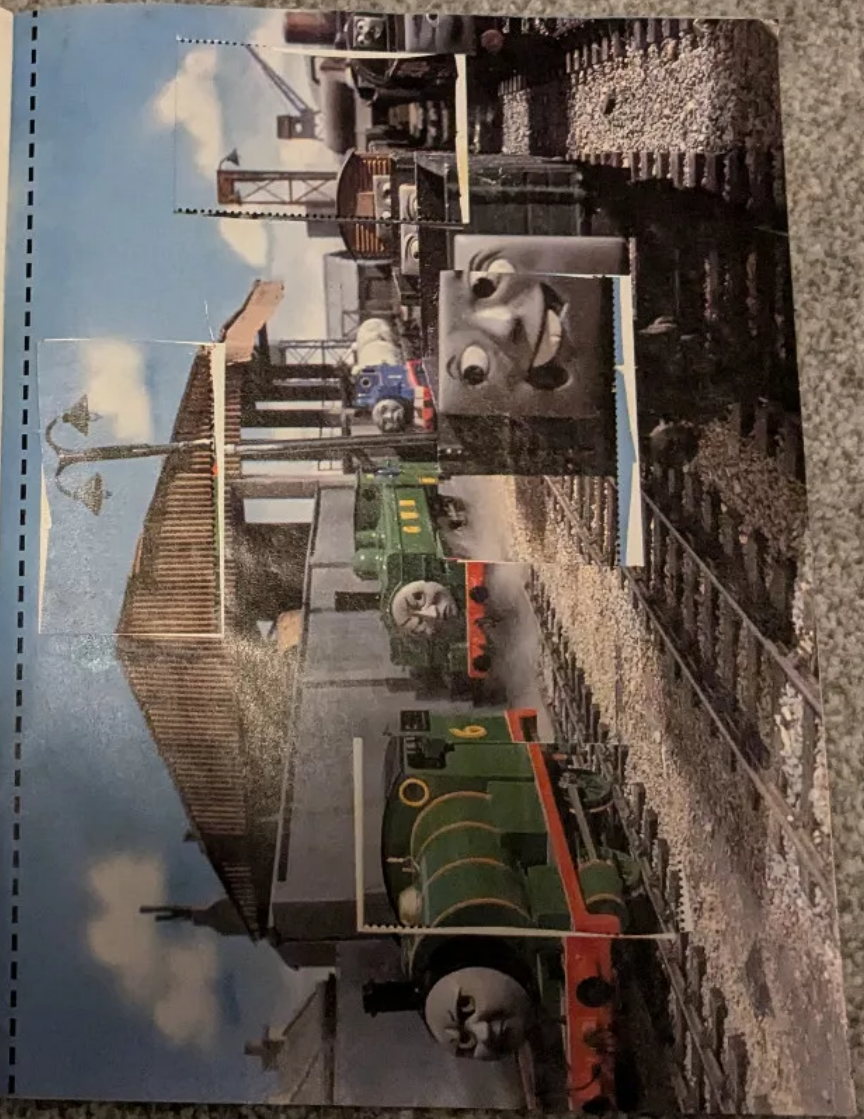
2 Choose the correct pictures to complete the large picture on the opposite page, and stick them in place.

3 Now, carefully remove the completed picture from the magazine, mount on thin card and display on your bedroom or playgroup wall.

Peep! Peep!

(write over the pale blue letters)





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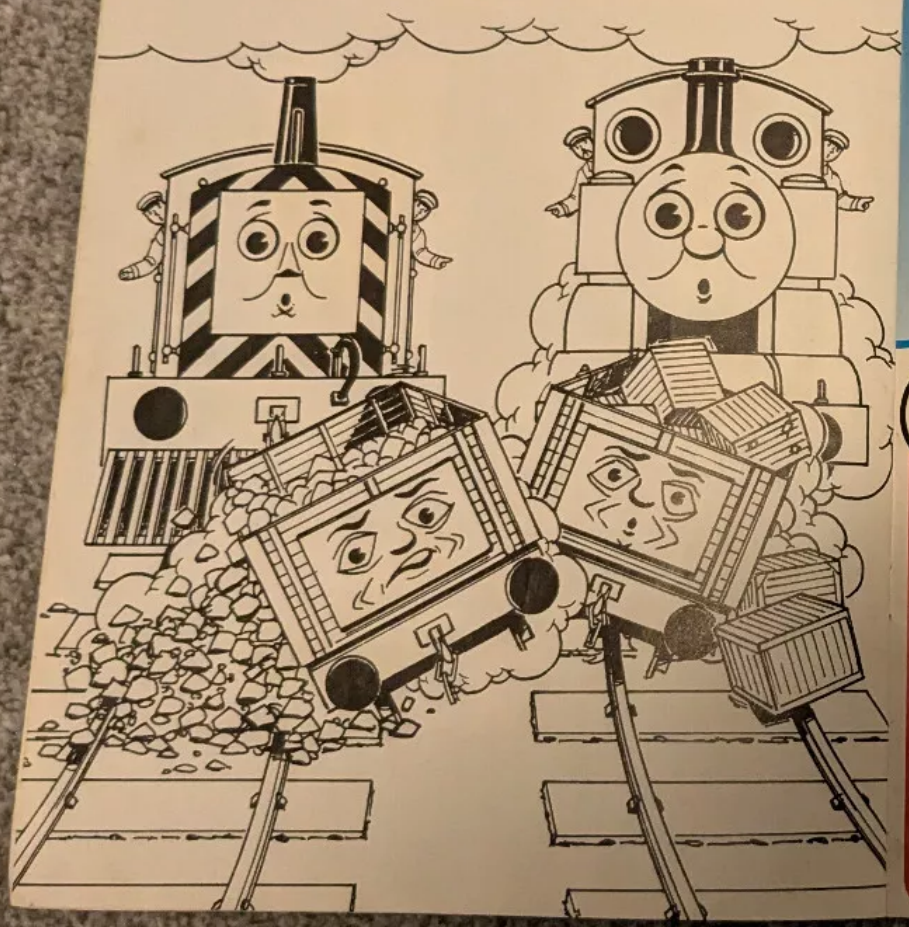

PEEP PEEP

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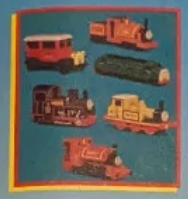

24 readers will have the chance to receive one of the six new engines from the **Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends** range from ERTL

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PRIZE PHOTO

A big hello to **Steven Egan** aged **3**, from *Norfolk*. **Steven** wins this splendid battery operated **Thomas the Tank Engine.**

Just launched from **BRIO**, this is the first ever battery operated Thomas the Tank Engine with working headlights. Flick a switch to make Thomas go forwards or backwards on any **BRIO** Wooden Railway System. *(Batteries not included.)*

Please send your photos to the address on the left and mark your entries: **Thomas' Prize Photo.**

BRIO

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James' Jokes

Where do you weigh a whale?

At a whaleweigh station!

Why did the sparrow fly into the library?

It was looking for bookworms!

What's the favourite food of a sea monster?

Fish and Ships!

What did the engine say when he was eating his dinner?

Chew Chew!

Ha Ha Ha! Hee Hee Hee! Ha Ha Ha!

Video Giveaway

20 lucky readers will be able to win one of these splendid Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends **Happy Holidays** videos from VCI

Happy Holidays is packed full of action and adventure as well as plenty of mischief from the little engines on the Island of Sodor. With new stories and songs, **Happy Holidays** is sure to delight young children over and over again.

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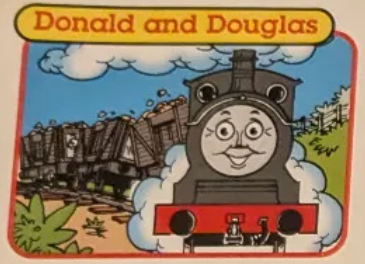
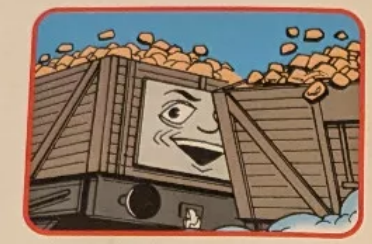
Donald and Douglas



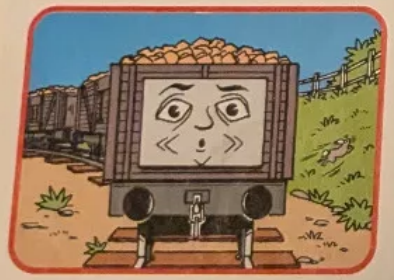
Some new trucks on Donald's train were being very naughty!



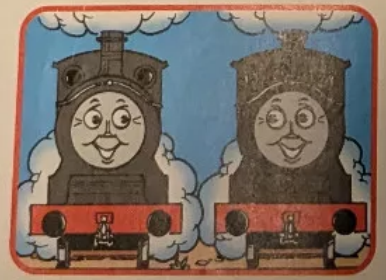
They pushed and bumped, all the way to the end of the line!

"What fun! What fun!" the trucks rattled as Donald went into a siding.

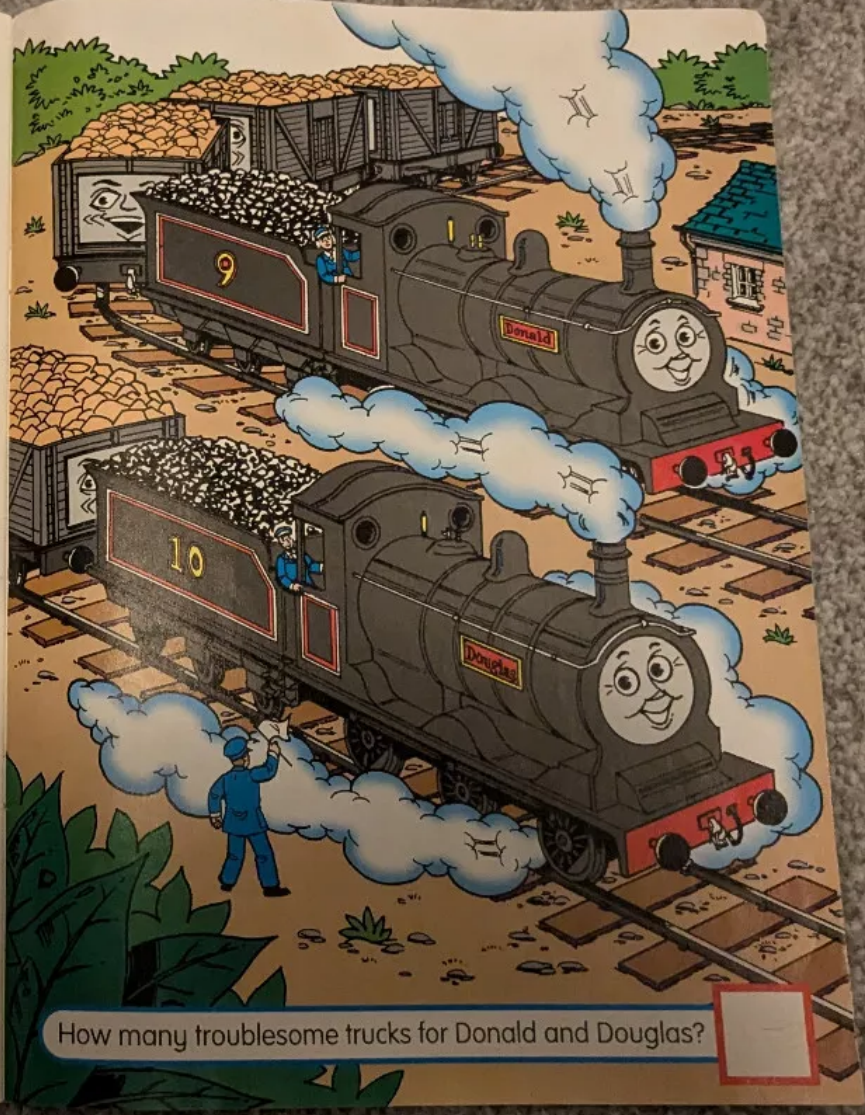
"Peep!" came a whistle from an engine. "Behave yourselves, trucks!"



"Our engine is in two places at once!" "We'd better behave!"



"Peep!" tooted Donald. "Those trucks have never seen twin engines before!"



How many troublesome trucks for Donald and Douglas?

What a long line of trucks! It takes **two** Class 37 Diesel engines to move them because they are so heavy. **Point to the engines.**

ONE LOST TRUCK

Percy was shunting trucks in the yard when he noticed that one naughty truck had gone missing. Using your finger or a pencil show the troublesome truck the way back to Percy.

How many piles of coal does he pass on his way?

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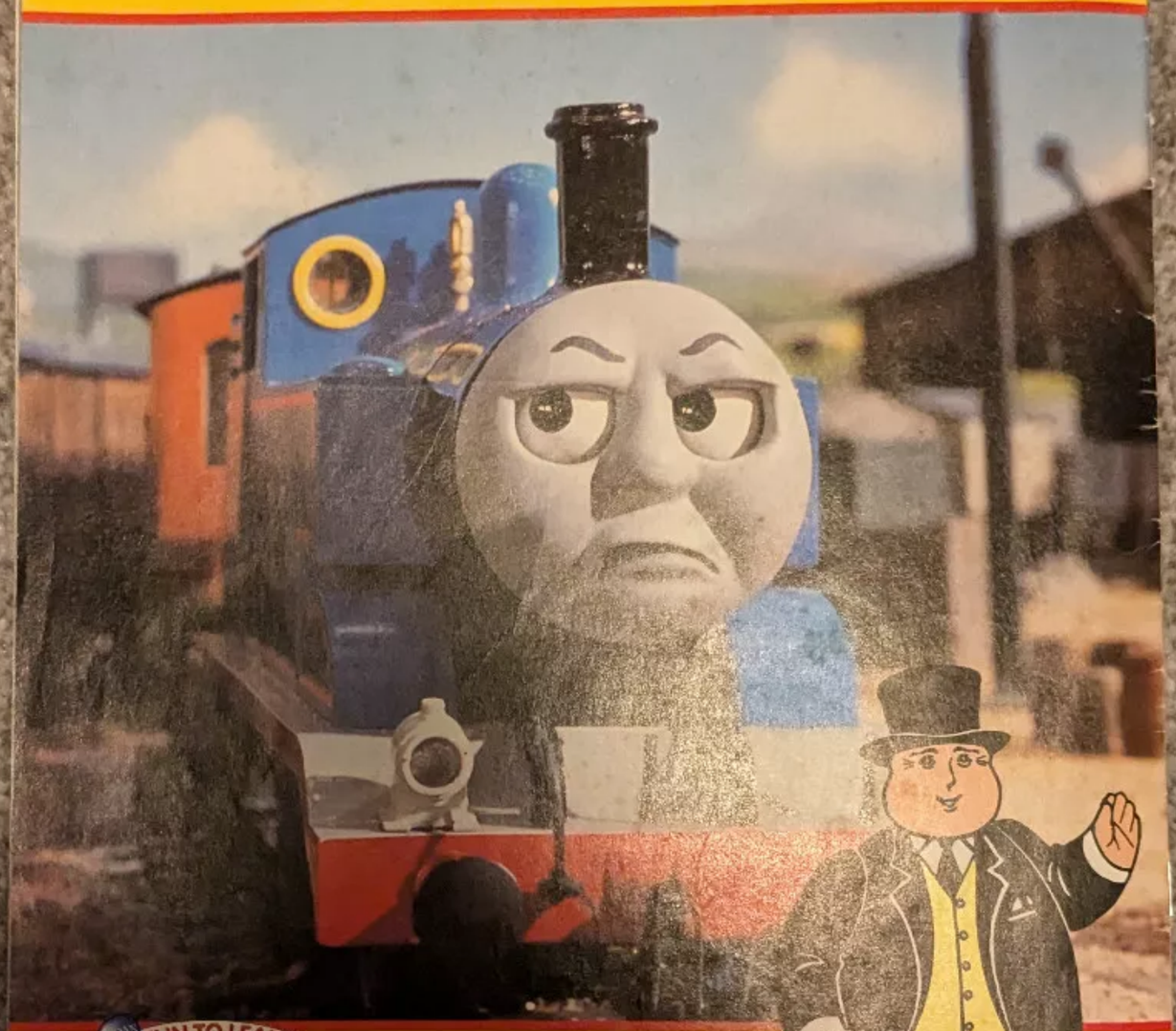

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